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For: **SPIN TUNNEL MAGNETORESISTIVE
EFFECT FILM AND ELEMENT,
MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSOR USING
SAME, MAGNETIC APPARATUS, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME:**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003, in which restriction was required, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-16 and claims 23-29, drawn to MR effect film. We understand that claims 23-29 are part of Group I even though that are not mentioned in the Restriction Requirement.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4038.

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